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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-13 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ryan (4,678,229). Ryan discloses the use of a chair comprising two frames (10,10'), a support (8) located between and pivotally connected with the frames for supporting a user and a hydraulic cylinder (72) connected between one of the frames and the support. In regards to claim 2, wherein the hydraulic cylinder includes a lever (90) movable from a first position where the hydraulic cylinder cannot be extended and shrunk and a second position where the hydraulic cylinder can be extended and shrunk. In regards to claim 3, two brackets (55) each for connecting corresponding one of the frames with the support. In regards to claim 4, wherein each of the frames includes an axle, and each of the brackets includes a collar (25) installed on corresponding one of the axles. In regards to claim 5, wherein each of the brackets includes two rods (37) connected between the collar and the support. In regards to claim 6, wherein each of the brackets includes a reinforcement plate (58) connected between the rods. In regards to claim 7, wherein the support includes an upper portion formed as a backrest (3), a middle portion formed as a seat (5) and a lower portion formed as a stool (7). In

regards to claim 8, including two brackets each for connecting corresponding one of the frames with the support. In regards to claim 9, wherein each of the frames includes an axle, and each of the brackets includes a collar installed on corresponding one of the axles. In regards to claim 10, wherein each of the brackets includes a rod (15) connected between the collar and the backrest and another rod connected between the collar and the seat. In regards to claim 11, wherein each of the brackets includes a reinforcement plate connected between the rods. In regards to claim 12, wherein each of the frames includes a rear leg, a front leg (17) and an armrest (21) connected (by 13) with both of the front and rear legs. In regards to claim 13, two brackets (11) each for connecting corresponding one of the armrests with the support. In regards to claim 17, wherein each of the frames includes a rod (15) connected between the front and rear legs. In regards to claim 18, including a rod connected between the rear legs of the frames.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to a beach chair: U.S Pat. No. 4635999, 720143, 4941709, 4370001,


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US005213395A, US006217114B1, US006382725B1, US006102479A,
US006582018B2, US006764132B1, US006402244B1, US006412870B1,
US005467002A, and GB 2157557A.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erika Garrett whose telephone number is 703-605-0758. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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